

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claim 1. (Currently amended): A linear adjustment device for holding a load and for altering the position of the load relative to a main structural member comprising:

a positioning mechanism comprising:

a rod;

a first pipe slidably engaged with the rod; and

a second pipe slidably engaged with the rod;

a load sleeve, wherein the load sleeve is secured to the first pipe and further

wherein the load sleeve is configured to directly hold the load; and

an anchor sleeve, wherein the anchor sleeve is secured to the second pipe.

Claim 2. (Original): The linear adjustment device of Claim 1, wherein the first pipe is releasably secured to the rod by a first securing element and the second pipe is releasably secured to the rod by a second securing element.

Claim 3. (Original): The linear adjustment device of Claim 2, wherein:
the first securing element comprises a first nut disposed adjacent to a first terminal end of the first pipe and a second nut disposed adjacent to a second terminal end of the first pipe; and

the second securing element comprises a first nut disposed adjacent to a first terminal end of the second pipe and a second nut disposed adjacent to a second terminal end of the second pipe.

Claims 4-6 (Cancelled)

Claim 7. (Previously amended): A linear adjustment system comprising:

- a main structural member comprising an upper hole disposed on a top layer of the main structural member and a lower hole disposed on a bottom layer of the main structural member;
- a first linear adjustment device secured to the main structural member, wherein the first linear adjustment device comprises:
 - a positioning mechanism comprising:
 - a rod;
 - a first pipe, wherein the first pipe is slidably engaged with the rod;
 - and
 - a second pipe, wherein the second pipe is slidably engaged with the rod;
 - a load sleeve, wherein the load sleeve is secured to the first pipe; and
 - an anchor sleeve, wherein the anchor sleeve is secured to the second pipe and further wherein the anchor sleeve comprises an upper hole disposed on a top layer of the anchor sleeve and a lower hole disposed on a bottom layer of the anchor sleeve; and
- a fastening means which secures the anchor sleeve to the main structural member, wherein the fastening means comprises a nut and a bolt;

wherein the upper hole of the anchor sleeve is aligned with the upper hole of the main structural member, the lower hole of the anchor sleeve is aligned with the lower hole of the main structural member, the bolt is disposed through the upper holes of the anchor sleeve and the main structural member and through the lower holes of the anchor sleeve and the main structural member, and the nut envelops the bolt.

Claims 8-11 (Cancelled)

Claim 12. (Currently amended): The linear~~read~~ adjustment device of Claim 1, further comprising the main structural element, wherein the load sleeve comprises a top portion opposite to a bottom portion, wherein the top and bottom portions envelop the main structural member, and wherein the bottom portion is configured to directly hold the load.

Claim 13. (Currently amended): The linear~~read~~ adjustment device of Claim 12, wherein the bottom portion of the load sleeve comprises a pipe for directly holding the load.

Claim 14. (Currently amended): The linear~~read~~ adjustment device of Claim 12, wherein the bottom portion of the load sleeve comprises a hole for directly holding the load.

Claim 15. (Currently amended): The linear~~read~~ adjustment device of Claim 12, wherein the bottom portion of the load sleeve comprises an eye for directly holding the load.

Claim 16. (Previously added): The linear adjustment device of Claim 12, wherein the main structural member and the anchor sleeve comprise complementary means for securing the anchor sleeve to the main structural member.

Claim 17. (Currently amended): The linear~~read~~ adjustment device of Claim 1, wherein the anchor sleeve is configured to secure the linear adjustment device to the main structural member.

Claim 18. (Currently amended): The ~~linearead~~ adjustment device of Claim 17, wherein the anchor sleeve comprises:

- a top layer comprising an upper hole; and
- a bottom layer opposite to the top layer, wherein the bottom layer comprises a lower hole aligned with the upper hole, wherein the upper hole and the lower hole are used to secure the anchor sleeve to the main structural member.

Claim 19. (Currently amended): A linear adjustment device comprising:

- a means for securing the linear adjustment device onto a main structural member comprising an anchor sleeve;
- a means for directly holding a load comprising a load sleeve; and
- a means for repositioning the load along the main structural member comprising:
 - a first pipe connected to the load sleeve;
 - a second pipe connected to the anchor sleeve; and
 - a rod slidably engaged with the first pipe and the second pipe.